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Office Action Summary

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-40 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-40 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

1. Claims 1-32 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Burrows et al (6,062,509). Burrows et al discloses a monument system having a monument (R) couplings (20), rails (14), adapters (12) and every other element and limitation found in the present claims. (see Figure 1 and Col. 3, lines 45 - Col. 4 line 5).
2. Claims 1-32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Terwesten (5,938,149). Terwesten discloses a monument system having frame elements (Col. 3, lines 28-55), and adapter bridge (#35), attachment points (Figure 1) coupling members (#16, #17) and monument (#6 and #7), and every other element and limitation found in the present claims (see Col. 3, lines 20-55).
3. Claims 33-38 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Burrows et al (6,062,509). Burrows et al discloses an aircraft having a monument system comprising a monument (R) couplings (20), rails (14), adapters (12) and every other element and limitation found in the present claims. (see Figure 1 and Col. 3, lines 45 - Col. 4 line 5).
4. Claims 33-38 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Terwesten (5,938,149). Terwesten discloses an aircraft monument system having

frame elements (Col. 3, lines 28-55), and adapter bridge (#35), attachment points (Figure 1) coupling members (#16, #17) and monument (#6 and #7), and every other element and limitation found in the present claims (see Col. 3, lines 20-55).

5. Claims 39-40 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Burrows et al (6,062,509). Burrows et al discloses a method of configuring an overhead air raft support system comprising a monument (R) couplings (20), rails (14), adapters (12) and determining interior features and a plan layout further having a plurality of coupling members between adapter bridges and monuments. (see Figure 1 and Col. 3, lines 45 - Col. 4 line 5).

6. Claims 39-40 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Terwesten (5,938,149). Terwesten discloses a monument system having frame elements (Col. 3, lines 28-55), and adapter bridge (#35), attachment points (Figure 1) coupling members (#16, #17) and monument (#6 and #7), and determining interior features and a plan layout further having a plurality of coupling members between adapter bridges and monuments (see Col. 3, lines 20-55).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Stephen A. Holzen whose telephone number is 703-308-2484. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 7:30 - 5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael J. Carone can be reached on 703 306-4198. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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